



WEST KENTUCKY
RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC.

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Ms. Marlene Dortch

Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

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Washington, D. C. 2055

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RE: Notice of Ex-Parte: CC Dockets: 05-337, 96-45 High-Cost Universal Service Support

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of its customers, West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. (WK) is forwarding to you the signatures of approximately 700 of its members who encourage you to sustain Universal Service Fund support for small telephone companies that serve rural America, such as WK. This funding has enabled WK to provide state-of-the-art telecommunications services. WK and its membership (rural customers) urge the FCC to include broadband in the future definition of universal service. Broadband is quickly becoming a necessity for economic sustainability, especially in rural and remote regions.

WK is an innovator, offering new broadband and, now, competitive video services. However, investment in new technologies and technological and infrastructural upgrades will not be possible under the proposed reverse auction plan for high-cost support. WK and its cooperative membership thus encourage the FCC to take action and adopt policies that will help sustain its processes for incumbent carriers that serve rural America.

Please review the enclosed statements from our membership and take appropriate action to protect and encourage companies like ours to continue to deploy advanced services to rural America.

Sincerely,

Trevor Bonnstetter

Chief Executive Officer

West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc

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Stop Government's "Rain" on Rural Telephone Service

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering repealing federal policy that provides financial support for your rural telephone and internet service. We need your help to notify the FCC to prevent any changes in its rules that would reduce the Universal Service Fund (USF) support payments for your telephone service.

Continued USF support is important to me, I authorized West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative to send an email to the FCC on my behalf that I support the USF.

"Even though I live in rural West Kentucky I have access to the most advanced technological services. The Universal Service Fund makes this possible. Please do not adopt new federal rules, which would subject rural telecommunications services, like mine, to a reverse auction bidding process. Keep the Universal Service Fund intact and expand it to include broadband services so that rural communities can be connected to healthcare, education and commerce."

Phone Number: 731 643 6708

Signature: Danny Allman

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Signature: Terry Allman

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Phone Number: 7316436860

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Phone Number: 7316436295

Signature: Vickie Allman

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